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In re Application of : DECISION GRANTING
Khoja et al. : PETITION
Application No. 09/433,360 :
Filed: November 3, 1999 :
Attorney Docket No. 1544.003 :
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This is a decision on the Request for Corrected Official Filing Receipt, which is properly treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.10, filed September 24, 2001, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of November 3, 1999, rather than the presently accorded filing date of March 7, 2000.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on November 3, 1999. In support of the allegation, the petition is accompanied by a copy of Express Mail label No. EL341578074US. Although the "date-in" indicated on the Express Mail label is unclear, the Express Mail label contains a United States Postal Service (USPS) stamp of November 3, 1999. The same Express Mail label number was placed on the original application papers located in the official file.

In view of the above, the petition is **granted**. No petition fee is necessary.

This application file will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for correction of the filing date to **November 3, 1999**, processing of the requested correction of the title, and the mailing of a corrected filing receipt.

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